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Tuition must rise — Atiyeh

Governor asks: how long can increases be put off?

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Somehow, the knocking radiator seems out of place. After all, the dark-panelled cubicle is the working office of the person at the pinnacle of Oregon's government.

But Gov. Vic Atiyeh seems oblivious to the intermittent thumps. Lighting another cigarette, he agrees with the notion that his recommended 15-percent jump in tuition rates over the next two years



would limit access to Oregon's colleges and universities.

"It does, but it's all relative. It's a lot higher than when I was going to school. But is it higher than it should be?"

"When you look at it, we're limiting many people from doing many things because of higher prices. I think of my daughter and her husband, and they don't have a house. I worry about them ever having one.

"People would like to buy cars, do a variety of things, and they can't because the prices are too high."

Atiyeh cautions students against feeling they're being unduly picked on.

"Actually, college tuition has gone up

very little in the last four years, and inflation, you know what that's done. How long can you put it off? How long can you continue to give students the quality they expect and should get and still not ask them to put in more?"

Those in control of education say if they don't get more cash for salaries, professors are going to leave.

Atiyeh isn't that frightened.

"Talking to my colleagues from around the nation at the inaugural, they all have the same problems. There really aren't any other green pastures out there.

"As bad as it is, it's not any better anywhere else."

State system chancellor Roy Lieuallen says it's myopic to say the only place professors can go is to other universities.

"When one segment of the society starts getting a smaller share of the salary money, then inevitably, some of the better people in the organization are going to be moving to other enterprises, to private enterprises."

The governor still isn't that concerned. "Jobs aren't all that available. I don't think we should take advantage of people under those circumstances, but I consider those kinds of things hollow threats.

"I'm sort of pragmatic and say, 'Go ahead and threaten me. Move somewhere else if you want.' There isn't that better of a place to go."

If former University Prof. Robert Summers were asked about the situation, he'd likely say the threats aren't hollow.



Gov. Vic Atiyeh

Photo by Dennis Tachibana

Summers, now teaching law at Cornell University in New York, began at the University in 1961. He says the decision would be tougher today.

"At that time, the financial sacrifice of going into teaching was not nearly as great as it is now. Now, it's dramatic. Lawyers in the fourth or fifth year earn more in major law schools than the people at the top of the scale, those that have been there for 35 years, at the leading law schools.

"Probably, a large number of people who entered teaching a number of years

ago might not have entered if they had foreseen that the differential was going to become so great."

Still, Atiyeh stands by his claim that he did the best he could for higher education.

Those who were around two years ago might be surprised that the governor still does his best for the University. Atiyeh was invited to speak at the spring commencement in 1979, and the invitation caused a movement among some students to replace him.

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IFC hikes Emerald budget

Committee grants requested \$10,000

By PAUL TELLES
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The Incidental Fee Committee voted Thursday night to cut the Emerald's requested budget increase in half but changed its mind on Friday.

On Thursday the committee voted 5-1 to give the Emerald a 1981-82 subsidy of \$87,780 after rejecting the paper's request for \$92,713.

However, on Friday committee member Julie Bell, who voted against the Emerald request on Thursday, moved to reconsider the appropriation. The committee then voted 4-3 to allocate \$92,713, an increase of nearly \$10,000 over the paper's 1980-81 subsidy.

Darlene Gore, the paper's advertising and circulation manager, said at Thursday's meeting the increase was necessary to meet rising print-

ing costs. The IFC allocation pays for the paper's pressruns and is about one-fifth of the Emerald total budget.

But Bell and committee member Richard Sontag said Thursday they feared granting the full increase would be inconsistent with the committee's budget-cutting policy.

IFC chairer Jon Neiderbach said a \$10,000 increase would be taken as a vote of confidence in the paper's quality, which he considers dubious. Committee member Susan Harris said the paper doesn't convey a positive image of the University to the community.

IFC members Jim Edmunson and Ann Alexander voted for the paper's request, saying they felt the Emerald was a good student paper and provided a vital service to students.

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Kathy Stebner was absent from the Thursday night meeting. Only Edmunson voted against the \$87,780, protesting the first vote.

On Friday, Neiderbach, Harris and Sontag voted against the \$92,713 appropriation. Bell, Stebner, Edmunson, and Ann Alexander voted for the proposal.

During a raucous hearing Thursday night, the IFC gave the Student Bar Association a 1981 budget of \$14,969, an

increase of almost \$1,700 over the group's 1980 budget.

Members of the SBA packed the meeting room with representatives of various SBA sub-groups, and the hearing was recessed twice after degenerating into shouting matches over funding for the Black Law Students' Association.

The BLSA asked for \$200 to send representatives to a national black law students' conference, but the committee appropriated only \$100 for the project.

BLSA representatives said they "couldn't get out of the state" on \$100 and accused the committee of tokenism.

The protest prompted Neiderbach to move that the BLSA be given no conference funds, and the committee voted 5-1 to accept the proposal.

But BLSA representatives later apologized for the outburst and were given the original \$200 after committee members were convinced that the national conference was an important opportunity to recruit black law students.

In other Thursday night business, the committee gave the Amazon Cooperative Child-care Center \$6,114.

On Friday, People and the Oregon Coast received \$1,889, the Food-Op received \$2,778, the MBA Association received \$1,566, and the Oregon Student Lobby received \$19,768.

On Saturday, the EMU Board received \$2,488, the University Veterans' Association received \$1,207, Alpha Kappa Psi received \$244, the Solar Energy Center received \$558, the Social Work Interest Group received \$933 and the Pre-Health Sciences Center received \$998.